

MORNING SUMMARY OF
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Turkish Seismic Research Ship Moves Into The Aegean:
The Turkish seismic research ship, Sismik 1, sailed into the Aegean today accompanied by a naval escort, according to a Turkish radio broadcast. The ship reportedly will spend about 10 days in Turkish territorial waters before entering international waters, where it apparently will remain until August 20. Although both sides seem anxious to avoid confrontation, they seem equally determined to avoid jeopardizing their claims by overly conciliatory moves that could be exploited by domestic political opponents. Resolution of the immediate controversy concerning the ship's activities could therefore prove difficult. The Greeks have responded initially to the Sismik's entrance into the Aegean by stepping up their efforts to monitor its movements. There are no indications, however, that any Greek military units have increased their readiness beyond those that were placed on alert last week. Athens also has scheduled a two-day air exercise to be held in the western Aegean beginning tomorrow. (FBIS, Jul 29, UNCLASSIFIED; NOFORN, NOCONTACT)

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